

Hi Fans!

We hope you have all had a happy and safe summer, and now cherish happy memories of a super vacation.

We're happy to announce Richard & Karen finally decided to take a short well deserved vacation. They spent a relaxing week in Hawaii (one of their favorite get-away places) soaking up the sun with their friend Olivia Newton-John. At departure time, Olivia flew to Australia, and it was back to California for Richard & Karen, where they have resumed work on the new album. Their bronze skin will be a constant reminder for some time, of that brief but happy interlude.

Mom & Dad joined several friends for a two week cruise to Alaska. The cool weather there was quite a contrast to the heat they'd left behind at home. They were pleased they had packed warm clothes for the trip, especially when on-shore sight seeing took them to the edge of an enormous Alaskan glacier! Although they enjoyed the cruise, neither are lovers of cold climates, and were happy to return to the sunny skies and warmth of southern California.

A week later they were on their way to Salt Lake City, Utah to pick up another car for Richard's collection. The choice this time was another 1959 Chrysler 300 E Convertible. This brings his collection total to 82. The latest additions since the last newsletter are:

59 Plymouth Sports Fury Convertible
55 Chrysler C 300 Hardtop
63 Chrysler Imperial Crown Coupe Convertible
65 Chrysler Imperial Crown Coupe Convertible
64 Chrysler 300 K Hardtop
59 Chrysler 300 E Convertible
59 DeSoto Adventurer

Cars that are not in prime condition when Richard acquires them, are given a full beauty treatment. They are torn down completely, all parts cleaned, sanded and painted. Worn out parts and tires are replaced, all chrome parts re-chromed. The interior is re-upholstered, and the body painted to reveal a better than factory new model. Though most of the work is done by two full time mechanics, Richard enjoys helping whenever time permits.

Danny Woodhams, the group's bass player, had a close call recently when he was involved in an automobile accident. He and two friends were returning home from a fishing trip when an intoxicated truck driver hit their car head on. Danny, riding in the front seat, was thrown against the windshield. His face and head were badly cut, and several teeth broken. Miraculously the only broken bones were several in his feet. Stitches were inserted from the top of his head to his collar bone. Although his bass playing has not been impaired, it will be a while before he will be able to sing, so Richard hired a tenor, Walt Harrah, to assist until Danny is in fit condition.

Wedding bells rang for Cubby O'Brien and airline stewardess Terri Lynne August 26th. They chose the beautiful setting of the Calabazas Inn for their marriage. We wish them many years of happiness together.

Doug Strawn and wife Nancy will soon be three. They anticipate the arrival of their first offspring about the middle of this month.

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The Christmas album is ready for release, and scheduled to be on the market around October 6th. Peter Knight the English conductor, has worked many long hours with Richard & Karen on this their first Christmas album, and the results should be nothing less than perfection. The cover design is charming, depicting a back view of Santa Claus painting a portrait of Richard & Karen, resembling a Norman Rockwell painting, and this should be a clue to the title! Appropriately called "Christmas Portrait".

As this letter goes to press, there is still no confirmation on title or release date of the next single.

The Christmas Special will be taped soon, and will also be entitled "Christmas Portrait". Richard & Karen plan to invite Kristy & Jimmie McNichol as two of their guests, but no info on other prospective guests is available at this time. This will be confirmed in the November newsletter.

May we remind all students returning to school, that we have a supply of useful school items, such as pens, pencils, desk organizers, memo pad, book covers.

This would be a good opportunity also to remind all members wishing to purchase Carpenter keepsakes for Christmas gifts, to please order early. We cannot guarantee delivery before Christmas if order arrives after November 22. for U.S. fans, and October 22 for members outside the States.

A FEW ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS:

Q. Did Karen ever sing at a Grammy award event?

A. Yes. "We've Only Just Begun" in 1970, and "Superstar" in 1971.

Q. Which was your most overdubbed single?

A. "Only Yesterday".

Q. Which was the most difficult single to make?

A. "Calling Occupants" and "Goodbye To Love".

Q. Whose were the voices of the aliens on "Calling Occupants"?

A. All the voices were Richard's.

Q. Who wrote the intro for "Christmas Song"?

A. Mel Torme.

Q. Is it true you are to be guests on Kenny Rogers Special ?

A. Yes. Tentatively scheduled for the New Year.

Q. Have either Karen or Richard ever met Debbie Boone?

A. Yes. They have been friends of the Boone family for several years.

Q. Will you be making any appearances as guests in "Love Boat" or "Fantasy Island"?

A. Discussions are in progress now with possibility of Karen's appearance.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING PROPOSED PEN PAL SCHEME

In response to many requests for pen pals we are happy to announce our intentions of meeting your requests. To enable us to maintain this scheme successfully, we must ask all interested members to fill out form at bottom of this page in PRINT please. U.S.A. fans please enclose stamped addressed return envelopes. Outside U.S.A. please send two International Reply Coupons. Allowing two months for our friends abroad to learn of our scheme, we anticipate exchanging forms early in the New Year. With your cooperation, we trust this new program will result in nationwide continued interest in the Carpenters, and be the foundation of numerous happy new friendships.

It would very helpful for our filing system if all members mailing in forms would kindly mark corner of envelope "P.P." Thank you and Good Luck!

Rap in November.

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